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FISHERIES & ARD DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 28th November, 2024

No.18850—FARD-VP-3VP-0035/2024/FARD.— The State Cabinet in their 10th meeting held on dated 13th November, 2024 have approved the proposal for implementation of the state sector scheme “Infrastructure Development” under ARD sector.

Introduction :

Odisha's livestock sector plays a crucial role in supporting the livelihoods of millions of farmers, making the health and well-being of animals essential for sustained economic growth and rural development. However, occurrence of livestock diseases, inadequate vaccination coverage, poor awareness of farmers, hinders the sector's potential, reducing meat, milk and egg production and directly impacting farmers' incomes. To address these challenges, strengthening the infrastructure and institutions that deliver veterinary services is vital. Modern, well-equipped veterinary hospitals and dispensaries are the mainstay of effective healthcare for livestock, ensuring timely diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases across the State.

Recognizing the importance of strong infrastructure, the State Government has initiated a phased plan to upgrade veterinary hospitals/ dispensaries at district, sub-divisional, block, and sub-block levels through retrofitting, renovation, and new construction & establishment of one kennel & Kine house at Jagatpur, Cuttack. These upgraded facilities, equipped with state-of-the-art technologies, will provide comprehensive veterinary care, catering to the growing demands of the livestock sector. Moreover, institutions such as Veterinary Officer Training Institutes (VOTI), Disease diagnostic laboratories (DDLs), Dist. Training Centres (DTCs), Livestock Inspectors Training Centres (LITC), Odisha Biological Products Institute (OBPI), and Animal Disease Research Institute (ADRI) will be strengthened to boost the State's veterinary service delivery capacity.

To meet the above requirement, the Department has proposed the implementation of the State Plan scheme “**Infrastructure Development**” with a budgetary allocation of

Rs. 449.71 Cr for three years i.e **from the year 2024-25 to 2026-27** with an aim to benefit livestock farmers and promote livestock entrepreneurship.

Scheme Details:

The major highlights of Infrastructure Development scheme for FY 2024-25 to 2026-27 are as follows:

i. Construction of Veterinary Service institutions (VD/LAC/ Laboratories etc.):

It is proposed for new construction of 180 Veterinary Dispensaries (VD), 60 Livestock aid Centres (LAC), 62 garages for mobile veterinary unit (MVU) vehicles, shelter house for conservation of Chilika Buffalo at 4 locations, establishment of one kennel & Kine house at Jagatpur, Cuttack , one molecular laboratory at ADRI. The new construction works is proposed to be taken up in a **total of 308** such veterinary service delivery institutions will be taken up. These facilities will provide modern diagnostic tools, advanced treatment options, and preventive care, ensuring the timely detection and management of diseases, ultimately safeguarding animal health, boosting farm productivity, and supporting the livelihoods of livestock farmers.

ii. Construction of Office Building & Training Centres:

The construction of new office buildings and training centres in the livestock sector will benefit livestock farmers by providing ambient workspace at administrative offices, facilities for visiting livestock farmers, knowledge dissemination, and skill development. It is proposed to take up construction of 6 nos. of DTCs, 8 SDVO Offices & one CDVO office. Construction work of total **15** such offices has been proposed.

iii. Repair & renovation of Veterinary Institutions:

Repair & renovation work of 50 LACs, 33 administrative office buildings of SDVO/CDVO/ Directorate offices, 26 different livestock & fodder farms, 26 disease diagnostic laboratories, 31 training institutes, 27 staff quarters etc. has been proposed for effective training, ambient workspace at administrative offices & basic sanitation facilities. Repair renovation work for a **total of 193** institutions has been proposed.

iv. Completion of on-going works:

Construction work of 164 Veterinary hospitals/ dispensaries, 20 LACs, 7 other veterinary institutions have been taken in a phased manner in previous FYs. For completion of those **191** on- going works fund has been proposed. On completion these Veterinary institutions will strengthen the quality of Veterinary Services being delivered.

By Order of the Governor

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